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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greco et al. (US 2002/0120680).

Greco et al. teach a method and system for providing electronic document services, comprising:

As per claims 1 and 12,

providing a browser to locate a service provider on the Internet [0006]; [0051]; [0089];

providing a database of information accessible by a user wherein the database of information includes information such as requirements to effectuate delivery of a special mailing, documents and addresses [0012]-[0014];

inputting information into the database regarding demographics via the computer-accessible site, said site providing demographics-related information [0082]; [0084];

selecting a type of communication by one of the users [0062]; [0084];

automatically delivering an item by the special service [0062] – [0069];

generating and transferring user fees, postage costs, and special service mail

provider costs [0097].

Greco et al. do not specifically teach that providing a browser to locate a service provider on the Internet includes providing a website.

Official notice is taken that it is well known that browsing the Internet includes accessing web sites.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Greco et al. to include providing a website of a service provider, because accessing web sites over the Internet is convenient, fast and inexpensive way of communication. Furthermore, Greco et al. do show that use of the Internet includes accessing web sites [0084].

Also, Greco et al. teaches:

As per claims 2 and 10, means for inputting and storing information by each of the users [0082]; [0084].

As per claim 3, a plurality of forms stored in the database wherein the users may choose any one of the plurality of forms [0082]; [0084].

As per claim 4, a directory of addresses stored in the database [0013]; [0062].

As per claim 5, means for generating addresses necessary for delivery based on information input by the user [0062]; [0071].

As per claims 6 and 15, means for generating communications based on the information input by the user [0012].

As per claims 7 and 14, means for suggesting mailing requirements based on information input by the user [0012].

As per claim 8, means for computing postage costs and fees to the user associated with delivery by the special service [0097].

As per claim 9, means for contacting a supplier necessary to complete delivery of the communication by the special service [0046].

As per claims 11 and 18, means for generating a report for the user [0097].

As per claim 13, determining required services for delivery by the special service and costs associated with the delivery [0012]; [0097].

As per claim 16, providing the communication to the user via a display screen [0015]; [0050].

As per claim 17, providing information related to steps taken by a special service mail provider in mailing the communication [0097].

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 3/22/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to the applicant's argument that Greco et al. do not show accessing a web site over the Internet, examiner stipulates that Greco et al. does, in fact, show this feature (See: [0084]).

In response to the applicant's argument that Greco et al. do not show a computer accessible site that provides automatic payment for document-related services rendered, examiner maintains that Greco et al. disclose the server (120) adapted to consolidate fees for document-related services requested by the user and bill the user [0097].

In response to the applicant's argument that Greco et al. do not disclose a database including a plurality of communications accessible via a web site, examiner points out that Greco et al. disclose the user accessing the service provider over the Internet, wherein a list of document services is provided for selection to the user, thereby obviously indicating storing documents in the service provider's server [0049]-[0050]; [0080].

In response to the applicant's argument that Greco et al. do not disclose inputting information into the database regarding demographics, examiner points out that Greco et al. show the server (120) including a database containing user's ID and location information; said information is used for determining a service provider [0082]-[0083].

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Igor Borissov at telephone number (703) 305-4649.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 872-9306.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, John Weiss, can be reached at (703) 308- 2702.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:


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